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- 1) Japanese Patent No. (A) 64-047177 (FUJI PHOTO FILM CO LTD), published February 21, 1989;
- 2) Japanese Patent No. (A) 04-078280 (MINOLTA CAMERA CO LTD), published March 12, 1992;

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- 3) Japanese Patent No. (A) 05-091455 (CANON INC),
published April 9, 1993;
- 4) Wakui, U.S. Patent No. 5,640,203, issued June 17,
1997; and
- 5) *Photo International*, Vol. 31, No. 366, August,
1999, cover page and pp. 10-11.

Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable
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